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Margaret: Here is the data gap letter with the twenty questions about the LNG fired tugs and crew boat. The conversation regarding this letter and the perception that some of these questions are not answerable within a reasonable time took place on Tuesday of this week. As we discussed, BHP will continue to work this issue to see if there is room to proceed with the natural gas fired tugs and crew boat. If it does not look possible to resolve Coast Guard's concerns in a reasonable time frame, then BHP would be looking to use exclusively diesel in the support vessels. Although the emissions associated with operating the support vessels on diesel have not been calculated, my expectation is that the change in the stationary source emissions would be relative small.

The discussions relate only to the tugs and crew boat. The carriers will operate on natural gas in federal waters.

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